

Psychology Song Project

1. Choose a song that deals with a mental health issue or psychological disorder and submit lyrics for approval (state in a sentence or two what the song is about) – lyrics should be school appropriate (or edited if necessary!)

2. Write a 200-250 word analysis of what you think the song is about (approx. 1 page typed double-spaced). There is no “wrong” analysis as long as you can support your conclusion. *Be sure to talk about what you think specific lyrics mean. Don’t just talk about the song in general.* Discuss at least 3 specific lines/quotes from the song.

3. Create a fact sheet about the issue that your song deals with. Your fact sheet should have at least 20 facts and must include *all* of the following information about the problem/disorder (clearly labeled on your sheet) *You will need to choose a different disorder than your last project (famous people with psychological disorders)*

- **description/definition of the disorder or problem**
- **symptoms**
- **causes**
- **treatment**
- **typical outcomes/prognosis**

You may include additional facts as well, however, *no more than 5* of your facts should be statistics.

4. You must use at least 2 different sources/websites for your information. These sources *should be listed at the bottom of your fact sheet.*

Sources should be numbered and each fact should have a number after it that aligns with the source that it came from.

You are welcome to use whatever legitimate websites that you’d like, however, I have listed several good websites below that you may want to utilize. Google and Yahoo are not considered sources! Wikipedia cannot be used as a source for this project as it is not authentically documented. See me if you don’t know how to correctly cite your sources.

NIMH.org (National Institute of Mental Health)

Mentalhealth.com

Mentalhelp.net

med.nyu.edu/psych.com

insidemh.com

5. Lastly, you will create a poster/visual that incorporates images that represent your song, artist, and psychological disorder. Your poster should include the title of the song, the lyrics that you analyzed, images that represent the song, and facts about your psychological disorder. Be creative and make it colorful. It should be the traditional posterboard size. If you choose to visually represent your song in some other way then you must run your idea by me for approval first.

The project will be graded based on the rubric below. This project is being used to evaluate the schoolwide expectation of speaking effectively. Therefore, we will be informally presenting them by having a “Psychology Music Fair” during which a couple of other classes will be invited into our room (or maybe the cafeteria) to look at your posters and learn about your songs and disorders. Be prepared to answer questions about your project and your song to our visitors. If you are not present on the day of the Music fair then you will need to present your poster to the class upon your return. If you choose not to present to the class this will negatively affect your evaluation. You will also automatically lose 30 points on this project.

Grading Rubric:

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| Lyrics submitted on time | 10 pts. |
| Late | 5 pts. |
| Song Analysis | 30 pts. |
| Fact Sheet | 20 pts. |
| Poster/Visual | 30 pts. |
| Sources cited properly | 10 pts. |

Due Dates:

Song Chosen & Lyrics Submitted:

Paper, Poster & Fact Sheet:

Psychology Music Fair:

